

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. - 9. (Cancelled).

10. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) A method for the treatment of a patient who is suffering from an incident of stroke comprising the steps of:

providing a device for the delivery of positive pressure airway treatment at a pressure which exceeds atmospheric pressure, the device comprising (a) an airflow generator; (b) an interface adapted to fit a patient; and (c) a conduit for the flow of air from said generator to said interface; and

delivering treatment with said device to said patient during an acute phase of an incident of stroke in said patient to improve the patient's blood oxygen level, the acute phase being defined as the first three hours from onset of the incident of stroke.

11. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The method of claim 10 wherein the airflow generator is configured and arranged to deliver a bi-level positive pressure airway treatment.